

CLAIMS

1. (original) Dye carrier composition containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, characterized in that it contains a combination of
 - (a) 6.1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms.
 - (b) 6.1 to 20 weight percent of at least one alkanolamide,
 - (c) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate or fatty acid alkoxylate and
 - (d) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one anionic surfactant,
 wherein the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) is equal to 0.5:2 to 2:0.5.
2. (original) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) and the alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio of 0.8:1.2 to 1.2:0.8.
3. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the weight ratio of alkoxylate (c) to anionic surfactant (d) is 0.5:2 to 2:0.5.
4. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from among cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol and isotridecyl alcohol as well as mixtures thereof.
5. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the alkanolamide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or diethanolamine.
6. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that the alkoxylate (c) is selected from among ethoxylated fatty alcohols or fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers of formula (I)

$$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_x\text{-O-(Ry)-H} \quad (\text{I})$$

[wherein R = (CH₂-CH₂-O) or (CH₃-CH-CH₂-O); x = C₈ - C₁₈ and y = 2 to 300].
7. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the anionic surfactant is selected from among the salts and esters of carboxylic acids, alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl sulfates, fatty alcohol ether sulfates, sulfonic acids and the salts thereof, phosphate esters and the salts thereof and acylamino acids and the salts thereof.

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8. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that it contains the fatty alcohol (a), the alkanolamide (b), the alkoxylate (c) and the anionic surfactant (d) in a total amount of 7 to 12 weight percent each.

9. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that it is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and of cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

10. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that it contains from 0.1 to 10 weight percent of ethylene glycol distearate.

11. (currently amended) Agent for oxidative coloring of hair, characterized in that it is obtained by mixing a dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 with an oxidant.

12. (original) Agent as defined in claim 11, characterized in that the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

13. (original) Use of a combination of

- (a) 6.1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,
 - (b) 6.1 to 20 weight percent of at least one alkanolamide,
 - (c) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate or fatty acid alkoxylate and
 - (d) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one anionic surfactant,
- wherein the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) is equal to 0.5:2 to 2:0.5,
for producing a nacreous luster effect in dye carrier compositions and colorants for keratin fibers.